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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Philip S. Green

Attorney Docket No.: TELEP003

Application No.: 10/084,023

Examiner: Donels, Jeffrey

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Signed: Leslie Russell

Leslie Russell

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	35	MINUS	33	2	x 9 = 18.00	x 18 =
Independent Claims	4	MINUS	4	0	x 42 = 0.00	x 84 =
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
				Total	\$18.00	\$

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

Enclosed is our Check No. 7000 in the amount of \$18.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. TELEP003).

Respectfully submitted,  
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the indicated paragraphs of the specification with the paragraphs set forth below. Attachment 1 indicates changes made to amended paragraphs, with additions underlined and deletions struck through.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 9 as follows:

Prior attempts to provide a compact guitar for travel have taken several forms. Numerous short-necked and small-bodied guitars have been devised. One example of such an instrument is the "Backpacker" guitar manufactured by C. F. Martin and Co. of Nazareth, PA. However, these compromises are not acceptable to most players of conventional acoustic guitars. Such players generally prefer to perform and to practice with an instrument of substantially standard neck length